

June, 2025

NEWSLETTER

Empowering Communities,
Enriching Lives

Project Highlights

Youth Empowerment (ESC)

- 18 students completed the basic computer course with final exams
- Youth Club constitution finalized; soft skills training planned
- English class preparations completed (started July 1)

Child Development

- Children's Clubs formed in 7 schools; workshops on child rights and club management held
- Environment Day celebrated with clean-up campaigns
- Wall magazines published in two schools
- Welcomed a new ESC volunteer from Italy



Volunteer Intakes & Orientation

In June, VIN welcomed 20 new volunteers across three intakes (June 2, 9, and 16), including 14 international (12 LMTV, 1 ESC-YWC, 1 Workcamp) and 6 national volunteers.

Volunteers participated in comprehensive orientation sessions, covering:

- Introduction to VIN, health & safety, cultural tips
- Nepali language classes and project briefings
- Visits to Pashupatinath and Boudhanath
- Placement in host families and monasteries in Jitpurphedi and Kirtipur



Teaching Computer (LMTV)

- Volunteers led advanced computer classes at WBC and Northstar School, using tools like Wooclap, Canva, and PowerPoint

Photo Journalism

- Volunteer documented various projects, capturing field moments for outreach and promotion



Staff Retreat – Learning & Bonding

From June 5–9, VIN held its Annual Staff Development Workshop & Corporate Retreat at NTCLC, Okhaldhunga, with 21 participants from various sites.

Highlights included:

- Workshops on time management, communication & conflict resolution, and strategic planning
- Community visits, team hikes, and meaningful reflection sessions
- Strengthened team spirit, learning, and connection across VIN

Volunteer Engagement & Recognition

The Volunteer Management Team organized two volunteer meetings, where participants shared project updates, community bonding experiences, and challenges.

An exit ceremony was held for 9 departing volunteers, with certificates presented in appreciation of their contributions. Volunteers expressed high satisfaction with their projects and placements.



Public Health – Menstrual Hygiene

- 7 awareness sessions conducted in schools and a women's group, reaching 175 students and 9 women
- Covered menstrual cycles, hygiene products, and stigma reduction
- Another program was led by Margaux on hypertension and blood sugar test and also gave session on balancing and cure methods in community.

Children Development :ECD

Marie led Early Childhood Development in Nagarjun school where she coordinated with ECD teacher, did activities like rhymed, dance, take care of children, taught letters(1,2,3, ABC. She enjoyed a lot.

Teaching in Buddhist monastery

VIN currently supports English teaching in two monasteries: Kirtipur Monastery and Ehipassiko Vihar. Volunteers focus on spoken English, vocabulary, and writing skills through interactive methods, including games and creative activities.

- In Kirtipur, volunteers assist young nuns with English, homework, art, dance, and fun games, creating a joyful and supportive learning environment.
- At Ehipassiko Vihar, volunteers conduct three classes daily—two English classes for different levels and one computer class covering typing, Canva, Paint, and Word. They also engage with the monks' daily life, learn about Buddhist culture, and participate in prayer sessions.

Okhaldhunga Project Highlights

- 29 of 32 water tanks constructed; 8 painted, 5 primed, remaining in progress
- Cowshed construction nearly complete
- Materials distributed to 20 schools and 4 ECDs (stationery, sports items, hygiene kits)
- Computer Science volunteers taught at local schools and prepared an AI conference for 7 schools
- Ongoing research on mobility and environmental change in three areas
- Permaculture volunteer focused on plantation and forest for food
- Parenting training provided to 30+ families, with support kits distributed
- Youth clubs supported with meetings, sports equipment, and registration preparation
- Weekly volunteer reviews and staff meetings conducted for planning and progress



We extend heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers, staff, and partners for your ongoing support and dedication. Together, we continue to build empowered, resilient communities.

